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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

R E P O R T

on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the

PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958

Council Offices,
PORTLAND,
Dorset.
May, 1959

To the Chairman and Members of the
Portland Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your information and consideration my Report for the year 1958 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District.

So far as infectious diseases were concerned there were no outbreaks of serious infections and it was in general a quiet year - 120 cases of measles, 18 cases of scarlet fever, all of them mild in character, and 5 cases of Respiratory Tuberculosis being notified.

The standardised Birth Rate (16.99) per 1,000 population was approximately the same as that for the previous year (16.92), while the standardised Death Rate (12.27) was higher than that for the previous year (11.53). Live Births exceeded the number of deaths by 36.

It will be noted that the Registrar-General's estimated population (mid 1958) for the Urban District is 11,400; this contrasts with the Registrar-General's mid 1956 estimate of 14,970 and his mid 1957 estimate of 13,820. We do not know the factors which the Registrar-General takes into consideration in estimating populations in intercensal years but it is thought that his estimate for 1958 is almost certainly on the low side particularly as we do know that the number of persons on the electoral roll has dropped from 6,349 in 1956 to 6,186 in 1959, a reduction of only 163.

It is again a pleasure to place on record my appreciation of the courtesy and consideration which has been extended to me by the Council throughout the year. I am also most grateful to my fellow officials and to the Council staff generally for their helpful co-operation. In particular Mr. Williams, your Public Health Inspector and Miss M. Otter, part-time clerical assistant, have helped greatly to promote the efficiency of the Public Health Department.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.

Public Health Department Staff

1. Medical Officer of Health, Health Centre, Weymouth. Tel. WEYMOUTH 1645.
E. J. Gordon Wallace, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
2. Public Health Inspector:
Mr. P. A. Williams, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H.
3. Clerk (part-time)
Miss M. Otter.
4. Sanitary Labourer/Rodent Operator:
Mr. T. Llewellyn.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (land and internal water)...	...	...	...	...	2,905
Population (mid 1958) (Estimated by Registrar General)	...	...	...	...	11,400
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1959	...	...	...	...	£120,581
Sum represented by Penny at 1st April, 1959	...	...	...	...	£490
No. of houses inhabited at 1st April, 1959 (exclusive of Government properties)	...	...	...	...	2,484
Shops assessed with private dwelling accommodation					94
Licensed Premises, hotels or boarding houses	...	...	...	...	34
				Total	2,612

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

Total Births...	...	...	...	...	149
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	13.07
✕ Comparability Factor (births)	...	...	...	...	1.30
Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	16.99

Live Births: 147

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	64	79	143
Illegitimate	3	1	4
TOTAL	67	80	147
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population...	12.89

Still Births: 2

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1
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TOTAL	-	2	2
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Still Birth Rate per 1,000 (live and still) births 13.42

DEATHS: 111

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	69	42	111
Death Rate per 1,000 population ... ..	...	...	9.74
% Comparability Factor (Deaths) ... ..	...	...	1.26
Standardised Death Rate ... ..	...	...	12.27

Deaths of Infants under 1 year:

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	2	4
Illegitimate	1	-	1
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TOTAL	3	2	5
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Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	-	1
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TOTAL	3	1	4
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Infant Mortality Rate

All Infants per 1,000 live births	34.01
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate births	27.97
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	250
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	27.22
Maternal Mortality Rate	Nil

% Comparability Factor. This is worked for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in age and sex constitution of the population of the various districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES - PORTLAND URBAN DISTRICT - 1958

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	4	9
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	2	-	2
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	2	6
15. Leukaemia, aleukamia	1	1	2
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	7	15
18. Coronary disease, angina	9	5	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	-	2
20. Other heart disease	14	10	24
21. Other circulatory disease	4	-	4
22. Influenza	1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	4	3	7
24. Bronchitis	3	3	6
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	1	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	4	8
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
34. All other accidents	2	-	2
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	<u>69</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>111</u>

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Diseases notified during the year, shown as quarterly totals:-

	<u>March</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>1958</u>
Scarlet Fever	14	2	1	1	18
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	-	3
Paralytic Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic do.	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	-	3	117	2	122
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory	-	1	4	-	5
Non-Respiratory	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-

FOOD POISONING

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

FOOD

(i) General

(a) As a result of an invitation to the Verne Prison, samples of ground oats were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory who reported that these were contaminated by mice droppings. Particulars were forwarded to the County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority, with the result that the suppliers were prosecuted and fined £50.

(b) A bag of flour which was purchased in a Weymouth shop was reported by a householder as containing particles of foreign matter. This bag of flour was the subject of a report to the Food and Drugs Authority with the result that a prosecution followed. The packers were fined £5.

(ii) Meat

(a) Meat Premises. There are no registered slaughter-houses in the District and all meat for human consumption had been inspected by Meat Inspectors of adjacent authorities before it was brought to the Island. Regular visits were made by your Public Health Inspector to Butchers' shops. The covered metal-lined van used for bringing meat to the Island has been inspected periodically and found to be maintained in good condition.

One man was registered as a slaughterman, and employed mainly outside the district or in slaughtering for private consumption and not for re-sale.

(b) Sausage and Cooked Meat Premises. Twenty-five visits were made to the eight premises used for small production or sales in conjunction with butchers' shops. All were found to be maintained satisfactorily.

Work on improving conditions required by the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, continued and fifty-eight visits were made to bakehouses cooking meat products or premises where meat products are sold.

(iii) Milk

The only grades of milk permitted to be retailed in Portland are Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilised. There is no pasteurising plant on the Island - neither are there any local producers of Tuberculin Tested milk.

The main suppliers of milk are Messrs. Lovell's Creameries Ltd., and the Weymouth & District Co-operative Society who are licensed as Supplementary Dealers.

All raw milk produced on the Island is sent by the farmers for pasteurisation in Weymouth.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) or Milk (Pasteurised & Sterilised) Regulations, 1949, the following licences were issued by the Council:-

<u>Tuberculin Tested</u>		<u>Pasteurised</u>		<u>Sterilised</u>
<u>Dealers or</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Dealers or</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>Supplementary</u>
<u>Purveyors</u>	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Purveyors</u>	<u>Dealers</u>	<u>Dealers</u>
9	2	15	2	1

During the year the Public Health Laboratory at Dorchester examined nineteen samples of T.T. Pasteurised milk, all of which were reported to be satisfactory.

(iv) Ice Cream. There are no manufacturers of ice cream within the Urban District, pre-packed supplies being obtained from manufacturers on the mainland. All premises used for the sale of ice cream were inspected and the freezing apparatus checked and these conformed with the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations, 1947. No loose ice cream was sold within the area.

(v) Summary

(i) Food premises within the area are as follows:-

Butchers Shops	8
Bakers Shops	6
Bakeries	5
Greengrocers	13
General Provision Shops	35
Confectionery Shops	21
Works Canteens	3
School Canteens	4
Hotels	6
Licensed Premises	34
Salvation Army Hostel	1
Cafes	9

(ii) The following were registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a) For the sale of ice cream	42
(b) For the manufacture of sausages	8
(c) Cooked Fish Shops	6

(vi) Byelaws & Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955. With regard to the handling and wrapping of food, the Bye-laws made in 1950 under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, have been of a useful complement to the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955. There were no prosecutions under these Regulations.

(vii) Cafes and Food Premises. One hundred and eighty-four visits were made to Hotels and Cafes and other food premises such as confectioners, works and school canteens etc. These were mainly to check and follow up the items required during the previous year under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, and Food Hygiene Regulations.

The general standards were satisfactory; school canteens had a particularly high standard, although the wooden hutted canteen in the playground of the Underhill Junior Mixed School is considered ready for renewal, owing to its age and temporary character. The County Council's Health Inspector was notified accordingly.

Twelve informal notices were issued during the year, requiring such items, as, (a) cement rendering of damp walls in a bakery; (b) more regular cleaning of a bacon cutting machine; (c) fly-proof covers in an open shop window; (d) clean overalls for assistants; (e) six new sanitary chained refuse bins with chained covers in an area where these were previously stolen; (f) grease traps and catchment baskets for canteen and potato machine drains; (g) regular removal of fish boxes; (h) whitewashing of basement walls; (i) removal of accumulations and extra sanitary bins; (j) minor alterations to drainage and the fitting of an inspection chamber; (k) destruction of cockroaches and ants.

WATER SUPPLY

All houses in the District have a main water supply pumped from the Friar Waddon borehole where the supply is chlorinated.

Fifty-six samples of the public water supply were submitted for bacteriological examination and were reported on as follows:-

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Suspicious</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Council Offices	28	-	-	28
Friar Waddon	17	2	9	28
	<u>45</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>56</u>

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS 9th February, 1959

Appearance: Clear

Reaction: pH 7.3

	<u>Parts per Million</u>
Free Carbon Dioxide	19
Ammonia (as N)	
Free	0.013
Albuminoid	0.010
Chlorine (as Chlorides)	19.5
equivalent to Sodium Chloride	32
Oxygen absorbed (4 hrs.)	0.16
Nitrite	trace
Nitrate	3.0
Total Solids	340
Loss on ignition	35
Appearance on ignition	No charring
Hardness: Temporary	209
Permanent	<u>28</u>
Total	237

Mineral Analysis

Lead	Pb	Less than 0.1
Copper	Cu	Less than 0.1
Iron	Fe	Less than 0.02
Calcium	Ca	83.5
Magnesium	Mg	6.5
Sodium	Na	13
Potassium	K	0.7
Carbonate	CO ₃	125
Sulphate	SO ₄	16

These probably represent as nearly as can be calculated the following salts:

Calcium Carbonate CaCO ₃	209
Magnesium Sulphate MgSO ₄	20
Magnesium Chloride MgCl ₂	12
Sodium Chloride NaCl	20
Sodium Nitrate NaNO ₃ (With a little KNC ₃)	19
Ignition Loss	35
Undetermined (Silica etc.)	<u>25</u>
	<u>340</u>

In forwarding their report, Messrs. Waterfall & O'Brien, Analytical Chemists said, "The water is as on previous occasions very pure".

HOUSING ACTS 1936-1957

During the year the under-mentioned properties were represented as unfit for habitation and action was taken by the Council as indicated.

No. 113 Reforne	-	Closing Order
No. 112 Wakeham	--	Undertaking accepted
No. 31 Artist Row	--	Closing Order made
No. 119 Chiswell	-	Closing Order made
No. 151 Wakeham	-	Closing Order made
No. 7 East Street	-	Closing Order made

Action taken re houses officially represented in previous year.

No. 1 Clements Lane and No. 37 Wakeham. - Specifications of works were carried out and undertakings given by the owners were cancelled by the Council.

Action taken under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

No. 78 Weston Road. - Closing Order made on attic and three rooms.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, SECTION 269.

Four licences to use individual caravans for a period not exceeding six months were issued during the year.

A licence was issued to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Legg to use the paddock adjoining Pennsylvania Castle as a site for twenty-five caravans. This was later cancelled and a fresh licence for the site was issued to the new owners Pennsylvania Castle Ltd.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, SECTION 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No formal action was taken under these Acts but 24 visits were paid to aged or infirm persons, and help or guidance given as needed.

PUBLIC HEALTH (INFECTIOUS DISEASES) REGULATIONS, 1953.

It was not necessary for me to issue any notices on behalf of the Council under these regulations.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

The County Council delegated powers to this Council under this Order. Five visits were made by your Public Health Inspector to the two pig keepers' premises licensed, when conditions were found to be satisfactory; all swill being boiled before use.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

One shop was licensed under this Act.

Six visits were paid by your Public Health Inspector and conditions were found to be satisfactory.

LETHAL CHAMBER FOR ANIMALS.

The cabinets for the humane destruction of cats and dogs loaned to the Council by the R.S.P.C.A. were available at the Council's Wide Street Depot on Saturday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. and Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.

This service has been much appreciated and during the year 43 dogs or puppies and 77 cats or kittens were humanely destroyed. Electricity was used for dogs and chloroform for cats.

DEALERS IN OLD METALS

Three persons were registered as Dealers in Scrap Metal under the Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907 and six visits were made to check books and premises. No Marine Stores Dealers were registered.

FACTORY ACTS, 1937 and 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of</u>		
		<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities...	16	18	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority.....	53	64	4	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-workers' premises)..	2	6	-	-
TOTAL	71	88	6	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred To H.M. Inspector</u>	<u>By H.M. Inspector</u>	
Want of cleanliness....	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding.....	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.....	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation.....	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.....	1	1	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient.....	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act.....	4	4	1	1	-
TOTAL	11	11	1	3	-

DRAINAGE AND GENERAL WORK, ETC.

There was no alteration in the day-to-day work of the Department.

All new drainage (including the new Council houses) and repairs or alterations to existing drainage of all premises other than Government buildings were tested by water pressure or smoke machine in the presence of your Public Health Inspector, and a good standard of work was maintained by both Council employees and Contractors. Drains and private sewers in the area were cleared where required by the Council's Sanitary Labourer, who in addition to this work carried out all rodent destruction throughout the area, disinfections and disinfestations of buildings, disposal of unwanted cats and dogs, the spraying of the Council's Tip and other miscellaneous duties, e.g. sewer flushings etc.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Portland has approximately 2,600 houses and business premises and with a few exceptions these are sewered into four outfalls at Chiswell, Chene, Portland Bill and Sheat. Apart from a small area at Pennsylvania Castle, all the sewage from Tophill enters the sea by natural fall, but in the Underhill district automatic sewage pumps are employed. The Grove area consisting of the Borstal Institution and its Officers' Quarters and the Grove School, and two large houses are sewered directly into the sea by the Borstal Institution's private outfall.

Similarly the Admiralty have private outfalls from the dockyard and naval establishments adjoining.

The Royal Air Force Station and the large Admiralty buildings at Southwell are however connected to the Council's sewers.

During the year the Chiswell sewer outfall was extensively reconstructed after storm damage.

FLOODING AT SOUTHWELL

There was occasional flooding in this area after prolonged heavy rain. The minor works to relieve this put in hand during the previous year minimised the difficulty. A further scheme is in the course of preparation to comply with the suggestions of the Minister of Housing & Local Government.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year 41 visits were made by your Public Health Inspector in connection with rodent control.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food methods of destruction were used and their Divisional Rodent Inspector checked the work regularly. Twice during the year all the non-tidal and unflooded portions of the sewerage systems were test-baited and poison-baited according to the Ministry Inspector's advice.

One man was employed part-time (20 hours per week) on rodent destruction work, and the rat population was kept at a low level.

Number of visits of part-time rodent operative (Inspections and Treatment)	985
Infestations reported and eradicated	111
Baits laid (including prebaiting)	215
Sewer manholes test-baited	64
Sewer manholes poison-baited	27

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council maintained a weekly collection of house refuse throughout the year and also removed trade refuse. This work was under the control of the Council's Surveyor. One 'Karrier' 10 cubic yard side-loading covered lorry was used for refuse collection and a driver and four assistants were employed on this vehicle.

It is estimated that 3,200 tons of house and trade refuse were disposed of during the year. The Tip at Wide Street was maintained free from rats, by being regularly baited. This latter work was also checked by the Divisional Rodent Inspector from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

LICENSED PREMISES

The improvement of licensed premises commenced after the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 continued and twenty-seven visits to check progress were made

HOUSES LET IN LODGINGS

Under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, twenty-one visits were made to houses let in lodgings. Two considerable improvements of the structures resulted from the visits.

Five routine inspections of furnished accommodations resulted in four informal notices for repairs.

UNSCUND FOOD VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED AND DISPOSED OF

<u>Food</u>	<u>No. of containers</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Cake	3	1½ lbs.
Soup	14	10 lbs.
Milk	3	3 lbs.
Tomatoes	4	8 lbs.
Cheese	1	2 lbs.
Figs	4	6 lbs.
Pickle	1	6 ozs.
Beans	4	3½ lbs.
Pudding mixture	7	3½ lbs.
Oranges	18	14 lbs.
Prunes	1	5 lbs.
Pineapple	4	4 lbs.
Cocoa	2	1¾ lbs.
Cream	3	¾ lb.
Grapefruit	2	2 lbs.
Peaches	5	7 lbs.
Coffee	3	1¾ lbs.
Apricots	1	1 lb.
Jam	4	4½ lbs.
Butter	1	30 ozs
Meat	26	73½ lbs.
Cherries	3	3½ lbs.
Fish	4	55 lbs.
Oats	4	3¾ lbs.
Crab	1	4 ozs.
Sugar	6	47 lbs.
Jellies	151	50 lbs.
Cereals	6	9 lbs.
Plums	1	1 lb.

Condemned Food. Condemned Food is collected by Council transport after voluntary surrender has been agreed to in writing and is disposed of at the Council's Tip.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS ETC.

Sanitary Defects, Nuisances investigated...	...	...	...	87
Visits to verminous premises	...	...	...	6
Premises disinfested by Local Authority	...	...	...	17
Premises disinfected by Local Authority	...	...	...	12
Investigating Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	5
Visits to houses owned by Local Authority	...	...	...	145
Visits to Aged and infirm persons	...	...	...	24
Housing Survey Inspections	...	...	...	61
Investigating overcrowding or unsatisfactory conditions	...	...	...	58
Structural Defects and disrepair found	...	...	...	57
Interviews with owners, agents etc...	...	...	...	84

Interviews with contractors	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Revisits	...	...	...	...	...	...	129
Butchers' Shops and Meat Preparation Rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Council house applicants	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Taxi inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Provision Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Fish Fryers...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Cafe and Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Canteens (including 3 school canteens)	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Ice Cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Licensed Premises...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Offices inspected...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
School Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
School drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pet Animals Shops...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Shops for the purposes of Shops Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Milk Samples for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Routine drinking water samples for bacteriological examination	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Waterworks visited re sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Inspections of factories and workplaces	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Petroleum Installations - Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Petroleum Installations - Tests	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories re fire certificates	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Other matters in Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Visits re animals...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Inspector's visits re rodents...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Visits to refuse tip	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Tip sprayed for flies etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Tip baited for rodents	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Complaints re refuse collection, dustbin etc. investigated...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Visits to Caravan and camping sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Pig Sties	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Cess-pools and Septic Tanks inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Septic Tanks emptied	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses let in lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	97
Scrap Metal Dealers visited	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Drainage Inspections and tests:-							
Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
Visits re drains	...	...	...	...	...	...	131
Quarries inspected for accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Quarries' fences inspected for danger	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Drains or sewers cleared by Council men	...	...	...	...	...	...	95
Food disposal certificates issued	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Matters reported to Food & Drugs Authority with prosecutions resulting	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Visits re unsound foods...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Informal visits under Rents Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	71
Certificates of Disrepair recommended	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Letters to Owners...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Public Health Acts & Housing Acts:-							
Notices served - Informal...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Formal	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Notices complied - Informal	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
Formal...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,640

